THE HIGHWAYMEN GET \$75,000 OUT OF THE SIXTY PEOPLE KNOWN TO BE DEAD, AND MANY EXPRESS CAR AND ESCAPE.

THE MONEY WAS FOR THE PAYROLL OF THE CALUMET AND HECLA COPPER MINE-THREE LIFE-SAVING CREWS IN PURSUIT OF

Calumet, Mich., Sept. 15 .- At 9:30 o'clock this norning the passenger train on the Mineral Range Railroad coming to Calumet was held up by four highwaymen at Highway, about half way between were covered with revolvers by two of the robbers, while the other two ordered the express messenger to put the contents of his safe in a bag which one of the robbers carried. The messenger immediately complied, and handed out ome \$75,000, consigned to the Calumet and Hecla mine, and which was part of the money to be paid by the mine on its payroll.

After securing the booty, the robbers fired a shot and ordered the engineer to go ahead -d quick," which he did. The whole affair was such a surprise that the passengers knew nothing of the trouble until after the train had started again. The train was crowded.

Light guards and sheriffs are out scouring the It is thought that the robbers had horses conveniently near and a boat at the lake. from which place they would make for Northern

Hancock, Mich., Sept. 15 .- "Jack" King, a restler, and "Jack" Kehoe, a sporting man, were arrested by Marshal Malperbe on suspicion of being implicated in the hold-up of the Mineral

John Chelliew has also been arrested on sus picion. Together with King and Kehoe he drove out of town early this morning, and the trio were seen returning from the region where the robbery occurred about 10:50 o'clock, about the time the report of the hold-up reached here. The train was stopped at Boston a flag station. Two masked men boarded the engine, but the two who boarded the baggage car were not masked The description given of the two latter almost tallies with those of Kehoe and Chelliew. The fourth man was quite a stout mun, and a description of him does not tally with that of either of the three now in custody. Many posses are in pursuit, while the Lake Superior coast is being scoured by tugs and the life-saving crews The \$75,000 was all in currency, and would have been paid to the miners to-morrow.

A United Fress representative went to the scene of the robbery and interviewed the people living in the neighborhood, but none of them had seen the men in custody about the railroad

The passengers were not aware of the robbery until the conductor rushed through the train shouting: "There are highwaymen on board." Much excitement ensued, but the robbers did not oppear in the passenger coaches. The robbers gained entrance to the express car by smashing it in with a sledgehammer, which was secured at the Peninsula mine close by. After securing the rick booty and ordering the engineer to pull the bandits coolly walked down the track

press Company. It was shipped to the Calamet and Heola Company to secure the payroll to-morrow by the First National Bank of Hancock and the National Bank of Houghton. Hundreds of men are still scouring the country

in the hope of finding some clew to the robbers.

it was stated to-day that no word had been received by the company regarding the reported rebbery by highwaymen, but it was probable that it had occurred. However, it will not be the loss of the company, as the money shipped them until it is delivered at their office in the latter place. The Calumet and Heela Company draw upon the bank at Hancock for money and it is shipped at the bank's risk.

The Calumet and Hecla mine, near which the robbery occurred, and to which the money secured by the bandits is said to have belonged, is the richest and most famous copper mine in the world. crushing and washing the rock, and is then in a nearly pure state, requiring only to be melted down to ingot copper. There is evidence that mines in that region were worked ages ago by a primitive people, who had only stone tools for their work. The annual output of the mine is upward of 55,000.000 pounds, or about one-tenth of the entire product of the world, and it employs about 2,000 men.

LAKE SHORE BANDITS STILL AT LARGE. BUT NO RESULTS IN SIGHT.

Kendallyille, Ind., Sept. 15.—If indications are true, the last chapter will be added within twentyfour hours to the history of the express robbery committed at Kessler Monday night. The detecwest and south, have been transferred in haste to the north. Information has been received from Rome City, Ind., nine miles north of here, containing the substance of a message from Deputy Prosbundles, which might have held the booty. soon as Chief Detective Byrne heard this last night, men were dispatched to the place. Two of the suspected men have been recognized as Chicago that the men did not make their appearance around here for several days previous to the robbery, and the report that several had their hiding-place in a swamp a short distance from the scene for sev-

subsistence, adds another link to the chain Chicago, Sept. 15 (Specia.).—So far as the Chicago officials of the United States Express Company know the robbers who held up the Lake Shore is known of their movements. William A. Pinker-ton declared that there was absolutely no truth in the report in the morning papers that Detective Sanders had seen the notorious "Bill" Dalton near ploy and are doing nothing whatever in the case

RAILROADS ARMING THEIR TRAINMEN. Louisville, Sept. 15.-Trainmen on the Pennsyl-Louisville, Sept. is.—Trainmen on the Fernissy-vania Raliroad, especially on the division running out of Chicago, are now said to be walking arse-nals, and are prepared to stand off an army of Daltons and other train robbers. The report reached the city to-day that the company had or-dered all its trainmen to arm themselves in order

to be able to protect the company's property.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Sept. 15.—Alarmed by the news that the Dalton gang is heading for the fastnesses of this and adjoining counties, the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis last night served out arms to its trainment its trains are heavily guarded to prevent and repel attacks. The country, too, is becoming alarmed, and measures for protection are being taken in the neighboring countries. Other railroads out of here are taking steps in protect themselves. this and adjoining counties, the Jeffer-

A SPANISH TOWN SWEPT AWAY WITH GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

MORE BODIES BELIEVED TO BE UNDER THE RUINS-THE DOOMED VILLAGE

STRUCK AT NIGHT BY A GREAT

WALL OF WATER.

floods. It is positively known that sixty persons were drowned, and it is believed that the bodies many others are buried under the ruins of their homes. It is thought that the Government are so stricken by the disaster that they display erty, and assistance will have to be given to th until they recover from the blow.

Heavy rains have fallen in the province, and the town, which is on rather low ground, was inundated. Late last night the waters from the hills, where there had probably been a cloudburst, swept down on the doomed town, carrying away almost everything in its path. Huge trees that had been crest of the rushing waters, and were hurled with frightful violence against the houses in the path of the onrushing tide. These trees acted as battering-rams and carried houses before them. So sudden was the catastrophe that the affright people had no possible chance of saving themselves. Men and women, awakened by the totter ing of their dwellings, frantically rushed to the windows and leaped out, only to be engulfed in the water that was now hissing and seething

Other houses were rapidly undermined by the waters, and in many cases collapsed before their occupants could leave them. The masses of wreckgoing down on the flood, in some instance means of escape to persons who would otherwise have been drowned. Many men, women and children, clutching in the darkness for any thing that would support them, grasped the tree places of safety. A large number of lives were saved in this manner. In a number of cases the saved in this manner. In a number of cases the persons thus saved were badly injured and it is probable that some of them will die.

The bodies of several women who had apparently made heroic efforts to save themselves and their children have been found. In one place a handsome young woman was found with an infant clasped to her breast with one hand, while with the other hand she held the hand of a little boy. All were dead, and there was not a mark upon them.

BISMARCK'S CONDITION WORSE

PRIVATE TELEGRAMS FROM KISSINGEN GIVE DIS COURAGING INFORMATION OF THE EX-CHANCELLOR'S HEALTH.

Berlin, Sept. 15,-Private telegrams received in this city from Kissingen state that the condition of Prince Bismarck has become worse.

GERMAN MANOEUVRES ENDED. ENTHUSIASM FOR THE EMPEROR AND YON CAPRIVI-THANKS FROM THE ITALIAN CROWN PRINCE.

Stuttgart, Sept. 15.-The Imperial manoet West Germany with the parade of the Thirteenth Army Corps, at Cannstadt, four miles from this city. The Thirteenth is the Royal Wurtemberg Corps, and its 2d Infantry Regiment bears the name of Emperor The Emperor rode out with King William of Wurtemberg, the Italian Crown Prince, the Grand Duke of Baden and the Prussian princes. Queen Charlotte of Wurtemberg Empress Augusta Victoria and Chancellor von The money was in the car of the American Ex- The 2d Regiment, Wurtemberg infantry, was then led past the King by the Emperor. Caprivi excited hardly less enthusiasm. Prince expressed his gratitude for the cordial wel-come that he had everywhere received. "I shall take hope of finding some clew to the robbers.

take home with me," he added, "glorious and interesting the hope of fixed by the ston, Sept. 15 (Special: At the office of made so delightful for me." Te-morrow the Emmade so delightful for me."

RIOTERS SHOT DOWN IN SPAIN. Madrid, Sept. 15 .- The excitement throughout the cently adopted by the Government has not abated from Haucock to Calumet does not belong to The most serious outbreak occurred in Montblanch. a town of about 5,000 inhabitants, seventeen miles northwest of Tarragona. When the Civic Guard

CHARLES H. TUPPER KNIGHTED

London, Sept. 15 .- "The Gazette" this evening contains a notification that the Queen has conferred rine, the dignity of knighthood in recognition of his

FIGHTING YELLOW FEVER AT BRUNSWICK

NO NEW CASES REPORTED-A QUARANTINE CAMP

fever are reported at Brunswick to-day. It is expected that a sharp conflict of authority may arise between the National and local medical officers in regard to the concealment of the cases discovered by the Marine Hospital surgeons

Washington, Sept. 15,-Since last night the Marine Hospital service has received no word from Brunswick. The authorities are doing everything possible to prevent the spread of the fever. Instructions have been issued at Brunswick to permit no one to point south of Atlanta. It is not probable that the fever could be carried north of that point at this son of the year, and there would be no danger from healthy passengers coming north if their required to pass through this camp for inspection

THEY THINK IT IS DYNAMITE.

A DISCOVERY IN AN EASTERN DISTRICT LUMBER YARD WHICH HAS SET THE BROOK-LYN POLICE AT WORK.

behind a lot of scaffolding in a yard in Grandst., between Catharine-st. and Morgan-ave., and head, and Miss Wainwright, advancing to the were in a paper bag used for flour. Brannely had gone to the yard for a load of sand. While he was no fire and no danger. Meanwhile about onewas putting the sand on the wagon a pile of scaf-folding which stood against the fence toppled over. Brannely placed the scaffolding back, and went on without further interruption. Investigatained twenty-eight small articles wrapped in white paper. The wrappers bore the date of July 21. Brannely believed that he had found a prize, and, after loading his cart, delivered the sand, and met Dr. Edward Carroll, and showed the bag to them at once to the station-house. Brannely did so, and gave them to Police Captain Ennis, who had the bag taken to the yard of the station, where a careful examination was made. Among the lot was one large bomb made of stiff red paper, to

containing nearly a pound of a dark, grayish substance, evidently dynamite, was also found. Last night Police Captain Ennis took the stuff

PREPARATIONS FOR THE GREAT RUSH TO-DAY.

BOOMERS REGISTERING AT THE RATE OF TWENTY A MINUTE-THIRSTY HOME-SEEKERS ROB A RAILROAD

Arkansas City, Kan., Sept. 15.-Everything that has life along the border of the Cherokee Outlet Is Madrid, Sept. 15.—The town of Villa-Canas, in the province of Toledo, has been devastated by race in the history of the world are being made, and would-be starters are scrambling for a chance to make their entries. Booths were opened at 7 o'clock this morning in a large store-room, and algoing on, twenty clerks were at work taking the names and issuing certificates of registration to me-seekers. They started out at the rate of twenty a minute, and if that rate is kept up 12,000 all be registered at the border line.

The opening of the booths here has attracted to register at all rather than undergo the hardhips at the border line. Many of those at the border who were near the foot of the long lines abandoned their places there and came into the ity to register. More, however, went to the border than came away, and the crowd there continues to

Many water-wagons have been rigged up and they will move into the Strip as rapidly as sible, to supply water to claim-seekers. They expect to dispose of it at a dollar a bucket on Saturday night. To-day's trains are loaded with own-lot speculators, and the Cherokee Town Site ross and Kildare, which by common consent are ooked upon as the coming cities.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 15 .- Conductors of Pullnan cars on the Rock Island train coming in here esterday report that in passing through the Strip se cars were attacked, and despite desperate re If the ice and water. The men were frenzied with hirst, and the train crews bear the marks of

yesterday afternoon at No. 32 West Twenty-sixth-st, resolutions were adopted disapproving the present method of opening Indian lands as a source of bloodshed, robbery and crime, and asking the Gov-ernment to devise a more peaceful system of throwing frontier lands open to civilization.

THE DALTON GANG'S OPPORTUNITY. OUTLAWS READY TO MAKE A RAID ON ARKANSAS

Arkansas City, Kan., Sept. 15 .- A scout rode up rom Hollister Ranch, in the Osage country, this morning and informed all the banks that the remnants of the Dalton-Starr gang were in camp about thirty miles south. He said that it was the intention of the gang to make a raid on the banks here o-morrow after the people had left town for the to defend their property. None of them will open until Monday, and in each bank a guard of several nen will remain, armed with Winchesters. Nearly

THE CASTINE'S RAPID FLIGHT.

FROM THE BATH YARDS-SHE MAKES OVER SIXTEEN KNOTS AN HOUR.

New-London, Conn., Sept. 15 (Special).-The gur ship, the Machias. On her official trial trip over : attained a speed of more than sixteen knots. These are not official figures, but they will not vary much rection, is 164-19 knots. New-England shipbuilding of scientific inquiry, of sowing the seeds of good works leads New-England. On June 10 the Machias purposes of a great community elevated—you be a great community elevated—you be a great community elevated—you speak of all these as if they flowed from your and running to a point off Stratford Shoals, thirty miles, and return. To meet the terms of her contract she must needs make an average of 15 knots tions as Mayor have been chiefly had, the men ments, which gave to General Hyde and his as-sociates \$15,600 above the contract price. To-day the will say, neither flinching nor blushing: These, felsister-ship, the Castine, a counterpart of the Ma-chias in all essentials, made her official trial trip seam, with a displacement of 1,050 tons. Like the Machias, she was required to make 13 knots and to develop 1,600 horse-power. The remarkable recto develop 1,600 horse-power. The remarkable rechas again secured a much better ship than was self will say that they enjoy the gratitude of bargained for. The sea when the Machias made Brooklyn for promoting moral and educational her great speed was as smooth as glass. To-day a six-knot breeze made a choppy sea and presented an obstacle to the progress of the Castine. The wind was from the southwest and struck the Castine nearly abeam. It was not an unmixed

MISS WAINWRIGHT STOPPED A PANIC.

the British Iron ship Craig Elvin to take wheat to England, without rebate, to a direct port. This is the highest figure paid this year, either for spot vessel or to one to arrive, so far as made public. DISTRUST HAS REPLACED IT.

STINGING CRITICISM OF BROOKLYN'S MAYOR BY E. M. SHEPARD.

PUBLIC RESPECT TURNED BECAUSE OF HIS ACTS INTO ALMOST UNIVERSAL DISTRUST-

LITTLE HOPE FOR THE CITY Democratic lawyer, published his article in "The Forum," which severely reflected on Mayor Boody's most before the people generally knew what was It was written from bake George, and says that the first Mr. Shepard knew of the Mayor's letter dresses himself to the public questions involved cle in the following words: "That, in the public any women and old men, who had determined not ago, well governed; that now, under your Mayoralty, in the same public opinion, the city is illgoverned-very III-governed; that, although the charter has devolved upon you, and upon no one tive administration, you have suffered yourself, as Mayor, to be effaced by irresponsible and dangerous influence-and that by so doing you have turned a public respect for you, well worth having, into city, the real powers behind professional political a nearly universal distrust of your political ability and character. Upon these facts the rest of my article sought to draw general lessons in the field

> not seen from the Mayor, or any one else, a de-nial of the statements of facts which he made, or shame and are determined to see a change from effacement of the political will of the Mayor, which | the was the core of his article, Mr. Shepard says that was organized. It includes Democrats and Republithe Mayor tells the public that for him "to have attempted to administer the government on the much a violation of honor as for a Presidential for a certain candidate for President"

Commenting on this, Mr. Shepard says: "I said othing in 'The Forum' so extreme as these words of your own. I said nothing so utter in its con emnation of your service as a Mayor under the Brooklyn charter. The Mayor is, then, so completely, so properly, so rightly, a political puppet that it would be not only futile, but dishonorable, for him to even attempt to be anything else. His the extremest illustration used by political writers pointment is more completely a formal compliment only officer known to us who must on no account exercise a single particle of his own intelligence or his own will. It is you, sitting in the chief room of our City Hall, who tells us that our Mayor spite of the solemn mandate of law, is no more than a highly paid and ceremonial amanuensis magistrate, behind whom, as behind the worthless helpless kings of an ancient dynasty of France, its rois faineants, rules some mayor of the palace lating every act of government. And this the renomination and not improbable re-election." After denying the Mayor's assertion that he (Mr.

Shepard) wrote that the Mayor received an independent nomination two years ago, he goes on to

"It was because you received a Democratic nomination, as well as for other reasons, that I warmly supported you. Do you mean that a Democratic intelligence and will? Was this appailing doctrine, now openly confessed by you, contained in the Democratic platform upon which you were nomi-PREUMPHANT TEST OF THE LATEST GUNBOAT nated? Was it suggested in a single sentence of a single speech made by you or for you? Would you have dared to ask votes of the self-respecting men of Brooklyn upon that statement

"I do not think so meanly of the Democratic organization in Brooklyn, or of the able men now within it, to believe that when they nominated you they expected or wanted a nominee who was to bring neither intelligence, nor will, nor outlook

of his own.' summon the men of Brooklyn of whom you yourends like these. Ask those men for their estimate of your administration, for their opinion of your theory, not yet two years old, of the function of the Mayor. Believe me, you will hear something. and perhaps without a single dissent, greatly to

years ago, Mr. Shepard writes: "Your candidacy

THE COLUMBIA THEATHE, BROOKLYN.

A disastrous panie was narrowly averted at the Columbia Theatre, in Brooklyn, last night. The Marie Wainwright Company was playing." The Social Swim, when during the third act, a smell of smoke became perceptible in the orchestra. Several women with their escorts, who were seated now the stage, immediately left the theatre. This caused the audience or isse and start hurriedly calmed the audience or isse and start hurriedly calmed the audience who wished to retire to do so in an orderly manner. This temporarily calmed the audience, who resumed their seats, and the play proceeded.

The smell of smoke growing stronger, however, the audience again started to leave, whereupon the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the lights of the theatre were all turned on the light of the stage, assured the people that there was no fire and no danger. Meanwhile about one-third of the stage, assured the people that there was no fire and no danger. Meanwhile about one-third of the stage assured the people that the was a summan of the stage and the play went on without further interruption. Investigation showed that the alarming smell was caused by the escape of smoke from a defective engine with the place of superintendent of mails in the look of the place of superintendent of mails in the look of the place of superintendent of mai

TO REPLY TO THE ACCUSATIONS.

Democratic Club, which adopted a scathing report condemning the administration of municipal affairs by Mayor Boody on Thursday evening, yesterday appointed a committee to confer with the various 110,000 in controlling the flames. George Foster Peabody, president of the Brooklyn

ENGULFED BY A CLOUDBURST. ON THE CHEROKEE BORDER. HIS FAITH IN BOODY DEAD. political organizations in the city in reference to a candidate for the Mayoralty, It is composed of J. Warren Greene, A. Augustus Healy, Henry Hentz and Mr. Flegenheimer, with Mr. Peabody

Mayor Boody read with interest yesterday the forceful condemnation of his administration of the city's affairs. He said that the attack was full of misrepresentations, and that he would reply to it in due season.

THE DISGRACEFUL MISRULE MUST END.

A STIRRING ADDRESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CITIZENS' UNION-A GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE AND

NOT BY BOSSES WANTED. The Executive Committee of the Citizens' Union, an organization of independent voters in Brooklyn formed to secure good government by the election of upright and independent men to office, held a meeting at the Clarendon Hotel last evening. Fred Hinrichs presided and an address was issued to the public. It sets forth the facts in remisrule of the city, the malign influ-

ences controlling the Mayor's office, the "jobs" set up by political pirates and railroad speculators, and the numerous scandals in all the municipal departments. Attention is called to the failure to accept the idea of administration of the city affairs on business principles and a non-partisan basis, and to the need of securing adequate compensation for valuable franchises. The address in

"The unelected and unchartered rulers of our

unmindful of public indignation at the recent weak administration of our city governof present misrule. What are we to do? The Mr. Shepard then goes on to say that he has right thing to do is to join with your fellow-citishame and are determined to see a change from the government of "bosses" to the government of the people. For this the Citizens' Union cans, but it has neither a party nor a candidate to promote. The aim of the union is to organize public sentiment in Kings County with form and force, that all whom it may concern, including Republican as well as Democratic leaders, may realize that machine-made candidates for public office will not do this year, and that an end must come to the system that is not only a public disgrace, but a positive injury, to the material welfare of every man, woman and child in the community. Much good work has been done, but more remains to be done, if the organization of political machines is to be matched with an organization of the people. The fight is against wealthy combinations united for defence by "the cohestive power of public plunder."

The address is signed by F. W. Hinrichs, S. P. Sturgis, Dr. W. E. Spencer, A. L. Sessions, William G. Low, the Rev. Dr. R. R. Meredith, John Filmer, C. A. Haviland, George White, C. F. Adams, the Rev. R. D. Sproull, W. J. Horan, W. P. Ferguson, N. B. Killmer, Henry G. Seaver, Sanders Shanks, H. G. Loew, J. J. Morrison, and others of the Provisional Committee was appointed to confer with the other independent political bodies in the city, composed of F. W. Hinrichs, M. E. Moore, A. L. Sessions, Sanders Shanks and Charles F. Adams. cans, but it has neither a party nor a candidate to

FOREST FIRES RAGING.

MANY PEOPLE MADE HOMELESS IN THE NORTHWEST.

THE INHABITANTS IN MANY TOWNS AND VIL-LAGES BATTLING WITH THE FLAMES-TWO CHILDREN REPORTED LOST.

Milwaukee, Sept. 15 .- Forest fires have been raging around Marshfield, McMillan, Bloomer, Chippewa Falls, Merrill and Marinette. The wind has gone down some to-day. Many farmers have lost everything and have taken refuge in the villages.

Marshfield, Wis., Sept. 15.-For many days forest fires have raged incessantly in this vicinity, burning many cords of wood and much lumber and property of settlers. Yesterday, fanned by a gale from the west, the flames were at their worst, and last night, in a bilinding smoke, a score of families were homeless and fleeing to this city. Word was re-ceived here yesterday afternoon that Powers Station, at which place there is a battery of coal kilns, was on fire. A party of men attempted to go there render aid, but the stiffing smoke drove them back. Fifteen families were burned out at Powers.

This city is in a panic on account of the fires. Yesterday the fires assumed such proportions that the whole city was in danger. The fire department was out until late at night fighting fires inside the view that the steering gear can be repaired while imits. Farmers from the surrounding country | coaling is in progress, and therefore the cruiser will having been burned out completely. The surroundblinding every one. The Wisconsin Central trains are abandoned and north of here are running over the Omaha road. McMillan telephoned for help last evening, and a train went out and brought back families who were burned out. The high wind made the fires hard to control.

one on the north. At one time the fire got within the city limits, but was met by an army perate fire-fighters, who formed a bucket brigade and succeeded in saving the city. Reports of great loss of property in the surrounding country come here hourly. Loss of life, as far as can be two children of Frank Kadil, who are reported to have been suffocated. McMillan is surrounded by fire, but with increased help from Stevens Point

and this place it is believed it can be saved. Withe, forty miles east of here on the Central road, is burning, the destruction being caused by from going through a burned bridge. The section ran on to the bridge and went through, injuring one John S. Owen Lumber Company's plant is reported spreading fire in all directions. If rain does not

fall soon nothing will be left. Marinette, Wis., Sept. 15 .-- Forest fires are raging to such an extent in Marinette County that considerable apprehension is felt for the safety of the

siderable apprehension is felt for the safety of the several smaller towns which are situated in the midst of the forest. Word has been received from Peshtigo, Porterfield, Wausakee and other villages that they have been fighting the fire with all their available means for the last three days.

Stevens Point, Wis., Sept. 15.—A message from Junction City, ten miles west of this city, where the Wisconsin Central crosses the Wisconsin Valley division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul 1904, says the town is burning and will be totally destroyed. Millcreek is said to have been wiped out of existence, and many farmers in the Black River district will be rendered homeless. This city is surrounded by forest fires, though there is no immediate danger from them.

Denver, Sept. 15.—A dispatch to "The Times" from Lead City, S. D., says the forest fires in that section are now under control, with no damage done except to the timber, on which the loss is great.

done except to the limber, on which the loss is great.

Rugby, N. D., Sept. 15.—A heavy rain fell last night, and the danger from prairie fires is over.

Chicago, Sept. 15 (Special).—Smoke, from forest fires, on the lakes is becoming steadilly worse. Captains of all incoming boats from Lake Huron and from the lower end of Lake Michigan report that never since 1871 have they seen as much smoke on the water as at the present time. Navigation is extremely dangerous. Within the last three or four days a half-dozen boats have stranded, and the losses already caused by the smoke on Lake Michigan will exceed \$40,000.

DEADWOOD'S NARROW ESCAPE.

anxious night was spent by the residents of Dead-wood, and this morning they came to business with bloodshot eyes and the marks of a hard night upon them. Nearly the entire male population put in the night fighting the forest fire north of the city. which for hours threatened to sweep all before it. everybody took a hand, and by their exertions managed to save the city. At Il o'clock last night the fire had reached a point on Forest Hill only a mile distant. Just when the men were exhausted and all hopes almost given up, the wind veered and blew away from town for about half an hour, The all danger is passed. Five hundred men still rePRICE THREE CENTS.

SHORTAGE AT THE MINT. 5,000 OUNCES OF GOLD LOST.

BULLION VALUED AT \$134,000 MISSING DE PHILADELPHIA.

A STARTLING DISCOVERY MADE WHEN A FIRM PROOF VAULT, SEALED IN 1887, WAS OPENED

TO GET THE METAL FOR COINING-HOW THE COMPARTMENT WAS GUARDED.

Washington, Sept. 15 .- Acting Mint Director Preston this morning confirmed the statement that an examination of the vaults in the Philadelphia Mint had disclosed a shortage of more than 5,000 ounces of gold bullion, valued at \$134,000. The vault in which the gold is short had, when it was scaled in 1887, about \$16,000,000 in gold bullion

D. M. Fox was Superintendent of the Mint at that time, and O. C. Bosbyshell succeeded him in November, 1889, receipting for the gold in the sealed vault without weighing it. The shortage was discovered only on Tuesday, when the vauls was opened for the purpose of coining the bullion.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia is under bond of \$100,000, and some of the wealthiest men of the city, including George W. Childs, are on it. A thorough examination is being made to fix the guilt.

Philadelphia, Sept. 15 .- Superintendent O. C. Bosbyshell of the Philadelphia Mint was almost inaccessible to visitors to-day, and to the few who did see him he would say nothing about the flieged shortage of 5,000 ounces of gold

the dileged shortage of 5,000 ounces of gold bullion from the reserve vauit. His subordinates were equality reticent.

The fireproof vault in which the bullion has been stored for six years forms a portion of the foundation wails supporting the superstructure. The compartment where the bullion was stored is on the main or first floor. The walls of the vault are fourteen inches thick, and are composed of a steel lattice-work, inclosed in brick masonry. The interior is 12 feet by about 18 feet in floor dimensions, and about 12 feet high. Builion is stored in a metallic compartment occupying only a portion of this interior, and any suggestion that the gold could have been abstracted after having once been stored away is laughed at by the mint officials. Fifteen watchmen are on duty at night, and every fifteen minutes one of them touches an electric registering button on the vault, thus insuring constant surbutton on the vault, thus insuring constant sur-veillance. William E. Morgan, the Treasury agent who discovered the shortage, was at the mint to-day, and was supposed to be engaged in weigh-ing the bullion. He refused to be seen.

THE BRAZILIAN INSURRECTION

ANNOYING DELAYS TO WARSHIPS.

THE CHARLESTON BREAKS HER STEERING GEAR AND THE DETROIT MUST WAIT FOR FURTHER TRIAL.

Washington, Sept. 25.-A series of embarrassing and provoking incidents is preventing the United States from furnishing speedy protection to the extensive American interests in Brazil endangered by the revolutionary outbreak. The Charleston is delayed in sailing from Montevideo for Rio de Janeiro by an accident to her steering gear; the Detroit has been stopped in her voyage to Brazilian waters on account of the discovery that it was necessary for her to comply with certain conditions preliminary to her final acceptance by the Government, and the Newark cannot seave Norfolk until Sunday or Mon-day. These delays, under existing circumstances,

are decidedly embarrassing. The Charleston arrived at Montevideo yesterday, and her commander found orders there directing him "to proceed with dispatch" to Rio de Janeiro. This morning a dispatch was received at the Nav

Department from the commander, Captain H. P. Picking, stating that the Charleston's steering gear had broken down and that it would be necessary to coal before sailing for Brazilian waters. Owing to great difficulty and is seldom accomplished in less than two days, the department takes the hopeful

A dispatch was hastily sent to Fort Monroe yes-terday directing the commander of the Detroit to delay his departure until further orders could be sent to him. The vessel had gone, however, but was signalled at Cape Henry, and is now in Hampton Roads awaiting instructions. Instructions will probably reach Fort Monroe to-morrow morning, and therefore the Detroit can hardly sail for Rio de Janeiro until late Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. It is likely that the Newark and the Detroit will sail from Hampton Roads in company. The Charleston will probably reach Rio de Janeiro in five days or a week.

No additional news concerning the situation in Brazil has been received at the State Department. delay his departure until further orders could be

THE CITY STREETS WASHED.

YESTERDAY'S SHARP SHOWER CAUSED SOME DIS SIONER ANDREWS.

After two days of cloud and drizzle, broken only by a few gleams of pale sunshine, the city was drenched yesterday afternoon by a downpour of rain which crowded the street cars and elevated trains with people who had no umbrellas, and swept suddenly from the southwest, the dark gray clouds mounting from the horizon to the zenith with great rapidity. As they rose they widened, twisting in a curious spiral fashion. Once well overhead the wind changed to the west, blowing the clouds over the whole eastern half of the sky, while the western quickly followed. Looking from the Battery, the en-tire bay seemed blotted out. Governor's, Bedlow's and Staten Islands grew dim, and then disappeared entirely. A small schooner passing by heeled far over as the wind struck her, and then came upright with a big hole in her foresail. After fifteen

minutes of squall the wind moderated, and the rain settled down into a steady downpour. The storm began just as the stores and offices

The storm began just as the stores and offices were beginning to close for the day, and caused much discomfort to those who had presumed too far on the good nature of New-York September weather.

The skies had been so threatening during the preceding forty-eight hours that no one really had a right to complain if the rain caught him unprepared. During the evening the lightning flashed in the most vivid fashion, but was so distant that the following thunder could hardly be heard.

For to-day the Weather Bureau predicts showers, and foresees no prospects of clearing weather. The storm comes from the West, where it still prevails over a large area, and it will probably be some time in passing over this city.

INCOMING VESSELS HAD HEAVY GALES.

been so long in reaching this port. All of them encountered exceedingly rough weather, which they could plough their way, but which would force a small boat like the Valkyrie to run before it. She may thus have been driven miles out of her course and delayed for several days,

Lloyd's Fuerst Bismarck, from Hamburg, the White Star's Britannic, from Liverpool, the Thingvalla's Norge, from Copenhagen, and the Richmond Hill from London. The first-named encountered

Hill from London. The first-named encountered the severest weather. At the beginning of her voyage she had strong westerly winds, and a high rolling sea, and worked heavily, taking much water on deck. After two days of moderate weather, she met a hurricane and high sea from the northeast. Her decks were kept continually under water, and she labored heavily. She was unable to keep to her course, and was driven 100 miles to the south.

The Norge was caught in the hurricane on September II, but did not suffer severely. One of her foresails was damaged.

The Britannic had a rough passage, and was much delayed by head gales, but missed the worst part of the storm.

The Wilson Line steamship Richmond Hill, from London, had her fore and main topsalis spilt by a sudden squall and gale on September II, and ran before it to the west and south.

A RUMOR ABOUT THE VALKYRIE.

A dispat h from Tompkinsville, State) Island, received late last night, said that a New-York pilot-boat had arrived there and reported sighting the Valkyrie off Fire Island. The report could not be confirmed, and is not